IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : Exhaust Line of a Internal Combustion Engine Having

Controllable Exhaust Flaps

Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2006, and concurrent with the filing of an RCE. An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No additional claims fees are due.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.